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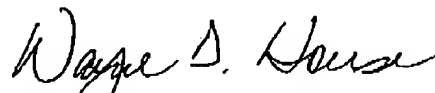
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for 3 months, to and including March 30, 2005 be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) in order to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004. Applicants filed a continuation application on March 18, 2005.

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